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Libraries in Government Colleges.

* 1903 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the book value of libraries in Government colleges ;

(*b*) the grants made to each during the last five years ;

(*c*) whether the Government have any policy regarding the aid given to these libraries ; and

(*d*) if so, what that policy is ?

A.—(*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The allotment made for the purchase of books for Government colleges during the last five years is given below :—

—	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1927-28.	1928-29 (Revised Estimate).
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
The College of Engineering ..	379	996	1,273	2,000	2,000
The Law College ..	3,977	2,918	2,852	3,000	3,000
Teachers' Colleges, Saidapet and Rajahmundry *	952	1,635	1,489	2,063	2,700
The Lady Willingdon Training College	1,176	1,392	1,247	1,390	1,700
The Queen Mary's College for Women, Madras.	2,005	1,253	2,000	2,459	3,000
Government Arts Colleges for Men (nine in number) *	17,496	21,238	22,254	22,349	28,000

The annual allotment for each college is fixed with reference to its needs.

* Separate figures for each training college and arts college are not available.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" Will the hon. the Minister call for information with regard to (*a* ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It is rather an elaborate process and I do not think any useful purpose will be served by calling for such information."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" With reference to (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*), may I know whether any grant is set apart for libraries ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" It is for the purchase of books."

Selection of students for training in training schools.

* 1904 *Q.*—Mr K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many of the students admitted in 1927–28 in the training schools in the Presidency had been employed previously as teachers ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any scheme or policy with regard to be selection of students for training in the training schools ?